

Press Release Maine State Planning Office

Maine Recycles Week 2005

Governor Baldacci Signs Proclamation for Maine Recycles Week 2005

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Thursday, November 10, 2005, became the highlight of this week when the Governor hosted a media event in his office to reaffirm his proclamation for Maine Recycles Week 2005. Recognizing that MRW celebrates the successes in recycling in each community, the Governor again asked for a commitment from each citizen of Maine to recycle and to buy goods made from recycled materials. During this week, citizens of each community do their part to raise public awareness toward recycling in their communities and promote the purchase of products made from recycled materials. This is the seventh year that Maine Recycles Week has served to bring recycling to the forefront. Schools, businesses, municipal offices, and the media are asked to join in and do take part in activities to draw attention to the importance of recycling.

Representatives of the Waste Management and Recycling Industry met with representatives from the State Planning Office to observe the event and support the message. Activities are promoted statewide by the Maine Recycles Week Steering Committee, which is a public/private partnership to coordinate efforts. The State Planning Office's Waste Management and Recycling Program is responsible for program and educational out reach for waste reduction, recycling and composting in the State. Traditionally, activities are focused on municipalities and their recycling programs but during Maine Recycles Week, the focus broadens and participation is sought from schools and educational facilities. The MRW Steering Committee solicits contributions and raises funds for posters that promote Maine Recycles Week and that also support prizes for schools who participate in a statewide poster competition promoting recycling. Cash prizes for successful efforts are awarded to schools for use in science, environmental, or recycling projects.

We'd like to offer special thanks to each of the Maine Recycles Week 2005 sponsors for making this all possible. This year's sponsors include: Premier Sponsors - Maine Turnpike Authority, Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation, Maine Resource Recovery Association, State Planning Office, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, Portland Press Herald and Maine Sunday Telegram; Champion Sponsors - Aggregate Recycling Corporation, Commercial Paving and Recycling, Poland Spring Bottling, Waste Management, Maine Energy Recovery Corporation; Supporting Sponsors - L.L. Bean, Office Max, H.P. Hood, NexCycle, Northern Maine Development Commission, Maine Recycling Corp., The Colony Hotel, and the Bath Iron Works.

For more information on Maine Recycles Week 2005, or recycling in general, please visit the web site of the Recycling and Waste Management Program of the State Planning Office - www.recyclemaine.com.

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